

Joint operation uncovers 290 logs with no tax, royalty tags

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The logs found buried at Sungai Teluk Hulu to avoid detection by the authorities.



Some of the logs seized from the site at Singai Bilat.

KAPIT: The state Forest Department, together with the Marine Police, seized 290 logs of various species and sizes from two sites at Batang Baleh here during a recent operation.

The initial monitoring was carried out via air (helicopter) and boat to trace signs of illegal logging in the area.

A total of 118 logs were seized from a site at Sungai Bilat, and 172 logs were unearthed at Sungai Teluk Hulu, where they were buried to conceal them from enforcement officers.

The case is being investigated under Section 95 and 96, of Forest Ordinance 2015 for possession of logs without tax or royalty tags. Upon conviction, the offender could face a fine of not less than RM25,000 and not more than RM150,000; or imprisonment of not more than five years; or both.

Members of the public with any information or have discovered suspicious logging activities are urged to call the Sarawak Forest Department hotline at 1-800-88-7777.

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